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JP 2000-224998 A, August 15, 2000, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application, beginning on page 1, paragraph [0003];

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E. NAGY et al., "Investigation of the Presence of Different Broad-Spectrum Beta-Lactamases Among Clinical Isolates of *Enterobacteriace*", *Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica*, Vol. 45, Nos. 3-4, pp. 433-446 (1998);

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A. SUBHA et al., "AmpC β -Lactamase Producing Multidrug Resistant Stains of *Klebsiella* spp. & *Escherichia coli* isolated from Children Under Five in Chennai", *Indian J. Med. Res.*, Vol. 117, pp. 13-18 (2003); and

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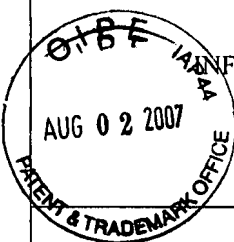
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